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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL-MILITARY CONFRONTATION

REFS: MVD 1706 AND PREVIOUS

1. AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR AIR TACTICAL COMMAND, COL. HUMBERTO GOMEZ, ADVISED AID REP AT 2030 LOCAL TIME OF HIGHLIGHTS OF MILITARY CONFERENCE WHICH TOOK PLACE AFTERNOON MAY 22 AT BOISO LANZA AF BASE. KEY RESULTS AS REPORTED BY GOMEZ AND AS YET UNCONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AGREEMENT REACHED AMONG MILITARY THAT PRESIDENT BORDABERRY REMAINS IN OFFICE.

B. CABINET REMAINS AS IS FOR TIME BEING BUT WITH PROSPECTS THAT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY, AMONG OTHERS, MAY BE REPLACED SOMETIME IN FUTURE. (OTHER SOURCES SAY FONMIN BLANCO NOT INVOLVED.)

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C. PEILE DISMISSAL AS ACTING HEAD OF NATIONAL MEAT BOARD STANDS. PEILE WILL REMAIN AS HEAD OF NATIONAL SUPPLY COMMISSION. BORDABERRY DESIGNATION OF CR. ROCCA AS REPLACEMENT FOR PEILE CONTINUES IN EFFECT.

D. VEGH VILLEGAS WILL REMAIN AS MINISTER OF ECONOMY. VEGH COMMUNICATED WITH MILITARY CONFEREES DURING MEETING TO CONGRATULATE PARTICIPANTS OVER SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE.

E. SOURCE STATED FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF RECENT MEETINGS WILL BE MADE ON MONDAY SINCE PUBLIC ATTENTION ON FRIDAY WILL BE CENTERED ON RETURN TO URUGUAY OF REMAINS OF COL. LATORRE, EX-PRESIDENT NOW BEING RESURRECTED BY MILITARY FACTION AS NATIONAL HERO.

F. OTHER MINOR ELEMENTS OF REPORTED COMPROMISE ARE TO BE WORKED OUT TOMORROW, FRIDAY, AT MEETING OF GENERALS QUEIROLO AND MENDEZ OF ARMY, ADMIRAL MARQUEZ OF NAVY AND BRIGADIER BENDAHAN OF AIR FORCE.

G. COL. GOMEZ TERMED "COMPROMISE" AS "SALIDA ELEGANTE" OF DIFFICULTIES AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE GIVEN IN DELIBERATIONS TO MAINTAINING URUGUAY'S IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL IMAGE.

H. AF COMMANDER PALADINI REPORTEDLY HAS TRANSMITTED RESULTS OF MEETING TO AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS.

2. WE WILL REPORT BORDABERRY'S REACTION TO THIS SOURCE'S VERSION OF OUTCOME OF MILITARY DELIBERATIONS AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

3. THIS IS AN EARLY SEEMINGLY AUTHORATIVE REPORT BUT AN OPTIMISTIC ONE WHICH CONTRASTS SOMEWHAT WITH OTHER FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION WE ARE RECEIVING AS TO STATUS OF CONFRONTATION. AS STATED ABOVE, WE WILL WISH CONFIRM THE ABOVE VERSION.  
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